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Session 1: Word List

farmland

- n. land used for farming or agricultural purposessynonym: agriculture, cropland
- (1) farmland acreage, (2) fertile farmland

The government is encouraging farmers to expand their **farmland** to increase food production.

laborer

 a person who works hard physically, typically doing unskilled or manual labor; a worker or employee who performs physically demanding tasks

synonym: worker, employee, operative

(1) laborer job, (2) skilled laborer

The construction site hired many **laborers** to help with the heavy lifting.

toil

 to work hard and persistently; to engage in physically or mentally demanding tasks or activities for extended periods of time

synonym: struggle, labor, work hard

(1) toil to make a living, (2) toil up the mountain

The farmers **toiled** in the fields, harvesting the crops before the start of the rainy season.

destine

v. to determine or set the course of something in advance, often in a way that seems predetermined or inevitable; to specify or choose someone or something for a particular fate or outcome

synonym: ordain, doom, predestine

(1) **destine** us to meet again, (2) be **destined** to become a great artist

Some people believe that we are all **destined** for greatness.

glamour

an attractive or exciting quality that makes people feel admiration or fascination; the attractive and exciting quality that people often associate with the fashion, entertainment, and beauty industries

synonym: glitz, allure, charisma

(1) glamour model, (2) Hollywood glamour

Her shimmering dress added **glamour** to the evening party.

miraculous

adj. very effective or lucky, or completely unexpectedsynonym: amazing, astonishing, awesome

(1) a **miraculous** encounter, (2) go through a **miraculous** change

He made a **miraculous** recovery.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort *synonym*: diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) industrious worker, (2) industrious student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

queer

adj. strange or odd, typically in an interesting or attractive way

synonym: strange, odd, unusual

(1) queer money, (2) queer fashion

The behavior of the clown at the party was quite queer.

unhoused

adj. describing a person who is homeless or lacking suitable accommodation, often due to poverty or social exclusion

synonym: homeless, shelterless, displaced

(1) **unhoused** children, (2) **unhoused** individuals Non-profit organizations are working to provide food and shelter to **unhoused** people in the community.

incarcerate

 to put or keep somebody in prison or in a place from which they cannot escape

synonym: confine, detain, imprison

(1) **incarcerate** the murderer, (2) **incarcerate** her for life He was **incarcerated** for the duration of the war.

pantry

 a small room, closet, or cupboard used for the storage of food, particularly non-perishable items such as canned goods, dry goods, and spices; a supply of food stored in this manner

synonym: larder, store, cupboard

(1) pantry items, (2) kitchen pantry

I need to clean out the **pantry** and throw away any expired food.

apprentice

- n. a person who works for and learns from a skilled employer to become a skilled worker themselves
 synonym: learner, trainee, protégé
- (1) **apprentice** carpenter, (2) a young **apprentice** He took on an **apprentice** to teach him the trade.

untapped

adj. not yet used or exploited

synonym: unexplored, untouched, untried

(1) untapped market, (2) untapped potential

The forest held many **untapped** resources that could be used for commercial purposes.

philanthropy

n. the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money

synonym: altruism, benevolence, generosity

(1) **philanthropy** organization, (2) private **philanthropy**

Tech billionaires often spend the majority of their time on **philanthropy**.

underrepresented

adj. not adequately or proportionately represented, often in terms of a particular group, population, or perspective being excluded or marginalized

synonym: belittled, marginalized, disadvantaged

(1) feel **underrepresented**, (2) **underrepresented** data **Underrepresented** communities need more support and resources to achieve equity.

displace

v. to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation

synonym: evict, exile, remove

(1) **displace** workers, (2) **displace** the explosive power The construction of the new dam will **displace** hundreds of families living downstream.

roadmap

 a strategic plan or guide that outlines key objectives, goals, milestones, and tasks necessary to achieve a desired outcome or objective

synonym: plan, strategy, guide

(1) **roadmap** to success, (2) technology **roadmap**We must create a **roadmap** for the new project to ensure everything is completed on time.

aspiration

 a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath

synonym: ambition, inhalation, intake

(1) no **aspiration** for fame, (2) **aspiration** into the lungs He has an **aspiration** to become a doctor.

underdog

n. a person or group in a competition or situation that is expected to lose or be at a disadvantage; a person or group that is seen as less powerful or less favored than others in a social, political, or economic context synonym: loser, victim

(1) cheer for the **underdog**, (2) classic **underdog** story The **underdog** team pulled off a stunning upset against the heavily favored opponent.

blighted

 adj. damaged or affected negatively, often resulting in decay, deterioration, or a lack of growth

synonym: ruined, destroyed, devastated

(1) blighted city, (2) blighted area

The abandoned building was **blighted** and had become an eyesore in the town.

veer

v. to change direction suddenly or sharply; to turn or swerve from one course or direction to another

synonym: swerve, diverge, shift

veer toward danger, (2) veer to the left
 The car veered off the road and crashed into a tree.

funnel

n. a tube or pipe that is wide at the top, sloping sides, narrow at the bottom, used for pouring liquids or powders into a small opening; a smokestack on a ship or steam engine

synonym: filter, chimney

(1) separatory **funnel**, (2) a **funnel-shaped** device We have to use a **funnel** to pour petrol into the tank.

improvisation

 the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

synonym: spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

(1) **improvisation** on stage, (2) jazz **improvisation** He created a beautiful piece of music using only **improvisation**.

dilapidated

adj. in a state of disrepair, decay, or disuse, often due to neglect or age; rundown or shabby in appearance or condition

synonym: rundown, shabby, decaying

(1) dilapidated house, (2) dilapidated building

The abandoned amusement park was now only a collection of **dilapidated** rides.

energize

 to give energy or vitality to someone or something; to invigorate

synonym: invigorate, animate, electrify

(1) energize the body, (2) energize a team

The motivational speaker **energized** the crowd with their words.

sip

v. to drink a liquid by taking small mouthfuls; (noun) a small drink

synonym: taste, sample, drink

(1) **sip** a drink, (2) take a **sip** of beer

He **sipped** his tea slowly, savoring the taste.

underestimate

 to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is

synonym: underrate, misjudge, miscalculate

(1) **underestimate** an enemy, (2) **underestimate** the probability

They frequently **underestimated** their abilities and felt inferior.

Session 2: Spelling

1.	go through a mirus change	adj.	very effective or lucky, or completely unexpected
2.	dice workers	ν.	to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation
3.	vr to the left	v.	to change direction suddenly or sharply; to turn or swerve from one course or direction to another
4.	indus worker	adj.	hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
5.	uned potential	adj.	not yet used or exploited
6.	tl to make a living	<i>v</i> .	to work hard and persistently; to engage in physically or mentally demanding tasks or activities for extended periods of time
7.	undted data	adj.	not adequately or proportionately represented, often in terms of a particular group, population, or perspective being excluded or marginalized
8.	cheer for the unog	n.	a person or group in a competition or situation that is expected to lose or be at a disadvantage; a person or group that is seen as less powerful or less favored than others in a social, political, or economic context

ANSWERS: 1. miraculous, 2. displace, 3. veer, 4. industrious, 5. untapped, 6. toil, 7. underrepresented, 8. underdog

9.	dice the explosive power	v.	to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation
10.	a ful-shaped device	n.	a tube or pipe that is wide at the top, sloping sides, narrow at the bottom, used for pouring liquids or powders into a small opening; a smokestack on a ship or steam engine
11.	qur money	adj.	strange or odd, typically in an interesting or attractive way
12.	uned market	adj.	not yet used or exploited
13.	phiopy organization	n.	the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money
14.	incte the murderer	<i>v</i> .	to put or keep somebody in prison or in a place from which they cannot escape
15.	impion on stage	n.	the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
16.	diled building	adj.	in a state of disrepair, decay, or disuse, often due to neglect or age; rundown or shabby in appearance or condition
17.	feel undted	adj.	not adequately or proportionately represented, often in terms of a particular group, population, or perspective being excluded or marginalized
18.	bled city	adj.	damaged or affected negatively, often resulting in decay, deterioration, or a lack of growth
	SWERS: 9. displace, 10. funnel, 11. que arcerate, 15. improvisation, 16. dilapidat		

19. enze the body	<i>v</i> .	to give energy or vitality to someone or something; to invigorate
20. pay items	n.	a small room, closet, or cupboard used for the storage of food, particularly non-perishable items such as canned goods, dry goods, and spices; a supply of food stored in this manner
21. qur fashion	adj.	strange or odd, typically in an interesting or attractive way
22. enze a team	<i>v</i> .	to give energy or vitality to someone or something; to invigorate
23. fertile fand	n.	land used for farming or agricultural purposes
24. dee us to meet again	v.	to determine or set the course of something in advance, often in a way that seems predetermined or inevitable; to specify or choose someone or something for a particular fate or outcome
25. technology rop	n.	a strategic plan or guide that outlines key objectives, goals, milestones, and tasks necessary to achieve a desired outcome or objective
26. glr model	n.	an attractive or exciting quality that makes people feel admiration or fascination; the attractive and exciting quality that people often associate with the fashion, entertainment, and beauty industries
27. skilled lar	n.	a person who works hard physically, typically doing unskilled or manual labor; a worker or employee who performs physically demanding tasks
ANSWERS: 19. energize, 20. pantry, 21. c	uee	r. 22. energize. 23. farmland. 24.

destine, 25. roadmap, 26. glamour, 27. laborer

28.	aspon into the lungs	n.	a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
29.	diled house	adj.	in a state of disrepair, decay, or disuse, often due to neglect or age; rundown or shabby in appearance or condition
30.	rop to success	n.	a strategic plan or guide that outlines key objectives, goals, milestones, and tasks necessary to achieve a desired outcome or objective
31.	no aspon for fame	n.	a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
32.	be deed to become a great artist	ν.	to determine or set the course of something in advance, often in a way that seems predetermined or inevitable; to specify or choose someone or something for a particular fate or outcome
33.	separatory fuI	n.	a tube or pipe that is wide at the top, sloping sides, narrow at the bottom, used for pouring liquids or powders into a small opening; a smokestack on a ship or steam engine
34.	bled area	adj.	damaged or affected negatively, often resulting in decay, deterioration, or a lack of growth
35.	uned children	adj.	describing a person who is homeless or lacking suitable accommodation, often due to poverty or social exclusion
36.	lar job	n.	a person who works hard physically, typically doing unskilled or manual labor; a worker or employee who performs physically demanding tasks

ANSWERS: 28. aspiration, 29. dilapidated, 30. roadmap, 31. aspiration, 32. destine, 33. funnel, 34. blighted, 35. unhoused, 36. laborer

adj.	bardwarking diligant and narciatant in
·	hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
n.	an attractive or exciting quality that makes people feel admiration or fascination; the attractive and exciting quality that people often associate with the fashion, entertainment, and beauty industries
adj.	very effective or lucky, or completely unexpected
n.	a person or group in a competition or situation that is expected to lose or be at a disadvantage; a person or group that is seen as less powerful or less favored than others in a social, political, or economic context
ν.	to drink a liquid by taking small mouthfuls; (noun) a small drink
v.	to work hard and persistently; to engage in physically or mentally demanding tasks or activities for extended periods of time
n.	a small room, closet, or cupboard used for the storage of food, particularly non-perishable items such as canned goods, dry goods, and spices; a supply of food stored in this manner
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	adj. n. v. v.

ANSWERS: 37. underestimate, 38. industrious, 39. glamour, 40. miraculous, 41 underdog, 42. sip, 43. toil, 44. pantry, 45. sip

46.	a young appce	n.	a person who works for and learns from a skilled employer to become a skilled worker themselves
47.	fand acreage	n.	land used for farming or agricultural purposes
48.	private phiopy	n.	the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money
49.	incte her for life	<i>v</i> .	to put or keep somebody in prison or in a place from which they cannot escape
50.	appce carpenter	n.	a person who works for and learns from a skilled employer to become a skilled worker themselves
51.	undate an enemy	v.	to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is
52.	jazz impion	n.	the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
53.	uned individuals	adj.	describing a person who is homeless o lacking suitable accommodation, often due to poverty or social exclusion
54.	vr toward danger	v.	to change direction suddenly or sharply to turn or swerve from one course or direction to another

ANSWERS: 46. apprentice, 47. farmland, 48. philanthropy, 49. incarcerate, 50. apprentice, 51. underestimate, 52. improvisation, 53. unhoused, 54. veer

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1.	 The forest held many resources that could purposes. 	be used for commercial
adj	adj. not yet used or exploited	
2.	The abandoned building was and had becontown.	ome an eyesore in the
adj	adj. damaged or affected negatively, often resulting in de lack of growth	ecay, deterioration, or a
3.	3. He has an to become a doctor.	
n.	n. a strong desire to achieve something; the action or p	process of drawing breath
4.	 The abandoned amusement park was now only a coll rides. 	ection of
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7.	7. He his tea slowly, savoring the taste.	
v.	v. to drink a liquid by taking small mouthfuls; (noun) a	small drink
	ANSWERS: 1. untapped, 2. blighted, 3. aspiration, 4. dila roadmap, 7. sipped	pidated, 5. pantry, 6.

ANSWERS: 8. toiled, 9. farmland, 10. incarcerated, 11. underdog, 12. laborers, 13. energized, 14. industrious, 15. unhoused

16.	He took on an	to teach him the trade.
n.	a person who works for worker themselves	and learns from a skilled employer to become a skilled
17.	We have to use a	to pour petrol into the tank.
n.		de at the top, sloping sides, narrow at the bottom, used wders into a small opening; a smokestack on a ship or
18.	He made a	recovery.
adj	. very effective or lucky, o	or completely unexpected
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n.	•	thing up on the spot or creating or performing
20.	Tech billionaires often sp	end the majority of their time on
n.	the practice of voluntari	ly helping the poor, especially by giving money
21.	The behavior of the clow	n at the party was quite
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<i>v</i> .		denly or sharply; to turn or swerve from one course or
23.	They frequently	their abilities and felt inferior.
		a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is
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24.	The construction of the new dam will hundreds of families living downstream.
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25.	Some people believe that we are all for greatness.
v.	to determine or set the course of something in advance, often in a way that seems predetermined or inevitable; to specify or choose someone or something for a particular fate or outcome
26.	communities need more support and resources to achieve
	equity.
adj	not adequately or proportionately represented, often in terms of a particular group, population, or perspective being excluded or marginalized
27.	Her shimmering dress added to the evening party.
n.	an attractive or exciting quality that makes people feel admiration or fascination; the attractive and exciting quality that people often associate with the fashion, entertainment, and beauty industries

ANSWERS: 24. displace, 25. destined, 26. Underrepresented, 27. glamour